

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 was amended to better conform to U.S. claiming practice. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reginald Finn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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